

Remarks

By the present Amendment, claims 1-5 and 19 have been amended, claims 6-18 have been canceled and claims 20-24 have been added. Claims 1-5 and 19-24 are now pending in this patent application.

Record of Substance of Interview

Applicant is most appreciative of the professional courtesies and consideration extended to Applicant's representative Andrew D. Meikle during an interview that took place at the Examiner's office on March 31, 2005. The record of the interview provided by the Examiner in the Interview Summary Attachment is thorough and well stated.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has recognized allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5 and 19. By the present Amendment, claims 4 and 5 have been re-written in independent form incorporating amended language from independent claim 1 that overcomes the rejection based on 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, stated in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant trusts, therefore, that the Examiner will find claims 4, 5 and 19, as well as claims 23 and 24, to be allowable.

Section 112, 2nd Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1-6 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection insofar as it might be deemed applicable to claims 1-5 and 19 as now presented.

By the present Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 4 and 5 to incorporate definite language helpfully suggested by the Examiner. Claim 6 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant trusts that the Examiner will find claims to be in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.